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Libraries, CRKN, and Saskatchewan's Multitype Database Licensing Program) provided large discounts and constituted 60% of all e-resources in the Library's collections. Cancellations of big deal packages did not mean the complete loss of all content. Favorable post cancellation terms allowed full-text content to be accessible up to 2015. Tables of content and abstracts would be available in most current journal issues. There were also favorable Interlibrary Loan license terms. Some publishers had a grace period of up to 60 days from the cancellation date of subscribed packages for the University Library to transition to purchase individual title subscriptions.

In early 2016 lists of cancelled titles with their cost per use were emailed to faculty. The University President was also emailed a list of all cancelled ejournal titles that had no usage. Instructors could request that titles be reinstated with no justification. A majority of faculty requests to the Head of Technical Services and Collections came from the departments of Geography, History, and the Faculty of Education. The Head of Technical Services and Collections discussed all requests with CAT. As of April 2016, 19 of 47 reinstated journal requests totaling \$40,046 CAD had been accepted and were subsequently forwarded to the Acting University Librarian for final approval. Then the Head of Technical Services and Collections notified faculty members and appropriate liaison librarians with the final decisions.

Conclusion

Canadian consortia are exploring solutions to the foreign exchange and acquisitions budget crisis. Invoicing projects may show promise with Canadian institutions. In September 2015 CRKN offered a foreign exchange management program for two big deal packages. For a modest administrative fee members could lock in their foreign exchange needs for a better USD rate. More than 25% of members opted in and net savings were substantial. Some institutions are investigating establishing individual foreign exchange plans and the University of Regina may do the same. Another option is exploring the efficacy of piloting an on demand journal article service from sources such as the Copyright Clearance Office's Get it Now, Deep Dyve or from publishers. At present University Library e-journal packages constitute approximately 45% of electronic resources. Out of that percentage about 73% are from four big deal packages that are worth approximately one million CAD. The University of Regina Library will scrutinize all forthcoming e-resource renewals because budget shortfalls are anticipated annually. Perhaps there needs to be a paradigm shift about what is more important to researchers. Is it access to journals or articles and is their ownership or discoverability more critical? (Murphy and Nelke, 2016) These are difficult questions to answer and economics plays a large role. The University community is more keenly aware of the Library's new fiscal situation and higher levels of faculty participation is expected.

against the grain people profile

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BORN AND LIVED: Born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

EARLY LIFE: Happy memories of summer vacations in Spokane, WA and Cannon Beach, OR. They were exotic places compared to life on the Canadian Prairies. Earned M.L.I.S. degree from the University of Alberta.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES: Can't believe I've reached my mid-career mark with great library experiences at Gonzaga University, Broward County (FL), Nova Southeastern University, and the Petroleum Institute (Abu Dhabi, UAE).

FAMILY: Wonderful wife Darcy, whom I met in library school, and a beautiful 6 year old daughter, Sophia.

IN MY SPARE TIME: Practicing Iyengar style yoga and lifting weights at home, tent camping in the summer with my family, and watching Friday night movies at home with them.

FAVORITE BOOKS: I seldom finish books so I can't mention many. But *These are the Voyages TOS Seasons 1-3* by Mark Cushman is the most encyclopedic work about the original Star Trek series (1966-69) that I've ever read.

PET PEEVES: Windy days.

PHILOSOPHY: Living in faraway places is wonderfully enriching.

MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT: I'm cheating and have two — being granted tenure at the University of Regina and being elected President of the Saskatchewan Library Association.

HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS: I think all libraries will continue tailoring their resources and services to meet their local needs while resource sharing within all library sectors and forming partnerships in untapped marketplaces will continue to expand. 🍷



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